

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicant responds herein to the Final Office Action dated June 4, 2007.

Applicant's attorneys appreciate the Examiner's thorough search and examination of the present patent application.

Claims 2-13 are pending in this application. Claims 2-13 have been rejected.

In response to the Examiner's objection, claim 11 has been amended to recite the limitation of "the first and second primary windings" instead of "the primaries" in lines 4 and 6 as suggested by the Examiner.

Claims 2-6 and 8-13 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(a) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,636,107 to Pelly ("Pelly"). Reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection are respectfully requested.

Claims 2 and 7 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Pelly in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,668,464 to Krein et al. ("Krein"). Reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection are respectfully requested.

Independent claim 8 recites "a circuit arrangement comprising: a power transistor switching stage providing an output voltage" and "the power transistor switching stage is a switch mode power supply" and that "common mode current that flows between the input terminals and the output terminals" is cancelled. Additionally, claim 2 recites the "power transistor switching stage comprises ... an inductor and a capacitor".

The Examiner rejected these recitations at page 3, lines 1-3 of the present Office Action, by pointing to a full diode bridge rectifier 40 of Pelly and equating them at lines 10-11 to an AC input rectified to DC. However, Pelly does not teach a power transistor switching stage and such a stage is not the same as Pelly's full diode bridge 40.

With regard to claim 2, the Examiner admits, on page 6, first paragraph of the present Office Action, that Pelly does not teach the use of an inductor and a capacitor with the power transistor switching stage. Then, referring to Krein, the Examiner asserts that it would have been obvious to those skilled in the art to include the inductor and capacitor combination used with the buck converter in Krein to Pelly.

This reasoning cannot be sufficient to reject the claims of this invention. To establish a prima facie case of obviousness, there must be "some suggestion or motivation ... to modify the

reference” and there must be “a reasonable expectation of success.” (see MPEP 2142) The Examiner has not explained what would be the motivation of those skilled in the art to add the inductor and capacitor combination used with the buck converter of Krein to the power transistor switching stage of Pelly. Moreover, because the outcome of such addition is unforeseen, there is no reasonable expectation of success.

For the same reasons it is wrong to suggest, with regard to claim 7, which recites “the output voltage of the power transistor switching stage is AC”, that those of ordinary skills in the art would have substituted the buck converter of Krein for the power transistor switching stage of Pelly to provide AC.

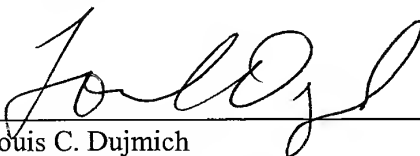
Thus, because Pelly does not teach, disclose, or suggest a power transistor switching stage recited in claim 1, Pelly does not anticipate Applicants’ independent claim 8. Further, because the Examiner did not establish a prima facie case of obviousness, claims 2 and 7 are not obvious over Pelly in view of Krein.

Claims , and 2-6 and 9-13 depend directly or indirectly from independent claim 8 and are, therefore, allowable for the same reasons, as well as because of the combination of features in those claims with the features set forth in the respective independent claims.

In view of the above, it is submitted that all claims in this application are now in condition for allowance, prompt notification of which is requested.

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